

In The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows.

Claim 1 is being amended to incorporate the limitations of dependent claims 2 and 3 in that the container handling apparatus or cradle also has ground engaging wheels to allow the apparatus or cradle to be moved around. Accordingly, claims 2-3 have been canceled. Claim 10 is being canceled in view of the Examiner's objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a) that the drawings show each and every feature of the claims. Note that a proposed drawing correction has been submitted which shows the features of claim 9.

Claim 1 has further been amended to require that the apparatus or cradle has means to rigidly engage the top and/or bottom of the container to the main frame. New claim 13 has been added which defines the engaging means as being location pins and locking devices. Basis for these amendments can be found in the drawings and in the specification at page 4, lines 28-37 which teach the use of location pins and locking devices for securing the container to the apparatus or cradle. No new matter has been added.

1. (Currently Amended) A container handling apparatus or cradle, including a main frame adapted to be moved laterally from one side of a container and over said container, means to rigidly engage the top and/or bottom of said container to attach said container to said frame, means to raise and lower said main frame to raise and lower a said container ~~suspended therefrom attached thereto,~~ and ~~means to engage the top and/or bottom of said container to attach said container to said frame~~ and ground engaging wheels forming part of said apparatus or cradle which allow said apparatus or cradle to be moved around.

2. (Canceled) ~~A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 1, wherein means are provided to allow said apparatus or cradle to be moved around.~~

3. (Canceled) ~~A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 2, wherein the means to allow said apparatus or cradle to be moved around are ground engaging wheels forming part of said apparatus or cradle.~~

4. A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said apparatus or cradle includes means for engagement by the tines of a fork lift truck to allow said apparatus or cradle to be moved around.

5. (Currently Amended) A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 1, ~~wherein wheels forming part of said apparatus or cradle are provided to move it around, and~~ wherein said apparatus or cradle also includes means for engagement by the tines of a fork lift truck to allow said apparatus or cradle to be moved around.

6. (Currently Amended) A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim ~~3~~ 1, wherein said wheels are carried by said means to raise and lower said main frame.

7. (Previously Amended) A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said means to raise and lower said main frame are rams carried by said main frame.

8. (Previously Amended) A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the means to raise and lower said main frame at least on one side of said apparatus or cradle are mounted on means coupled to said apparatus or cradle to allow said apparatus or cradle to be moved relative thereto, and means are provided to allow said relative movement.

9. (Currently Amended) A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 3 1, wherein said wheels are self-propelled.

10. (Canceled) ~~A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 9, wherein an operator controlled steering mechanism is provided for said wheels to steer the apparatus or cradle during its maneuvers.~~

11. (Deleted)

12. (Previously Added) A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 5, wherein said wheels are carried by said means to raise and lower said main frame.

13. (New) A container handling apparatus or cradle as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the means to rigidly engage said main frame to said container are location pins and locking devices.